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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS SPECIAL SESSION OF 1996

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Chapter ___

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its special session of 1996 at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 21 to 31 May 1996. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___ meetings) and a number of informal meetings.

B. Attendance

2. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, the Commission is composed of 32 States Members of the United Nations, elected on the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

3. The session was attended by ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States and representatives of specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex __ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At the 1st meeting, on 21 May 1996, the Commission elected Mr. Koos Richelle (Netherlands) as Chairman.

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5. At the same meeting, the Commission elected the following officers:

Vice-Chairmen: Mrs. Julia Tavares de Alvarez (Dominican Republic)
Mrs. Ruth Limjuco (Philippines)

Rapporteur: Mr. Sileshi Shewaneh (Ethiopia)

D. Agenda

6. Also at the 1st meeting, on 21 May 1996, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/1996/1 (see annex I to the present report).

E. Organization of work

7. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work at its special session of 1996, contained in document E/CN.5/1996/L.1/Rev.1 (see annex II to the present report).

F. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

8. At the 1st meeting, on 21 May 1996, the Commission heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

G. Appointment of the Chairpersons of the Working Groups

9. At the 8th meeting, on 24 May 1996, the Commission endorsed the appointment of Mrs. Ruth Limjuco (Philippines) and Mr. Sten Arne Rosnes (Norway) as Chairpersons of the Working Group on the Future of the Commission for Social Development.

10. At the __ meeting, on __ May 1996, the Commission endorsed the appointment of _____ as Chairperson of the Working Group on Poverty Eradication.

H. Documentation

11. The documents before the Commission at its special session of 1996 are listed in annex III to the present report.

I. Panel discussions

12. At the 4th, 5th and 6th meetings, on 22 and 23 May 1996, the Committee had panel discussions on the following themes:

Agenda sub-item 4 (a): formulation of integrated strategies

Agenda sub-item 4 (b): meeting the basic human needs of all

Agenda sub-item 4 (c): promotion of self-reliance and community-based initiatives

13. The following panel members addressed the Commission:

Agenda sub-item 4 (a): Mr. Gerry Rodgers (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Ms. Pasuk Phongpaichit (Thailand), Mr. Roberto Bissio (Uruguay), Mr. Valimohamed Jamal (Kenya) and Mr. Louis Emmerij (Netherlands)

Agenda sub-item 4 (b): Mr. Jan Vandemoortele (United Nations Children's Fund), Mrs. Leonore Briones (Philippines), Ms. Kerstin Trone (United Nations Population Fund) and Mr. Yao Graham (Ghana)

Agenda sub-item 4 (c): Ms. Huguette Redegeld (France), Mr. Kasa Pangu (United Nations Children's Fund), Ms. Caroline Pezzullo (United States of America), Mr. Atila Roque (Brazil) and Ms. Else Oyen (Norway)

14. Also at the 4th, 5th and 6th meetings, members of the Commission had a general exchange of views with the panelists.

J. Consultations with non-governmental organizations

15. In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1), representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council made statements:

Category I: American Associations of Retired Persons, Franciscans International, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and International Council on Social Welfare

Category II: International Catholic Child Bureau and International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres

Accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development: Ambekdar Centre for Justice and Peace

16. Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations are listed in annex IV to the present report.